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An eight-page report on [redacted] the Sukhoy Liman area [redacted]

Observations include port construction, installations, and Soviet naval vessels. The report includes two annotated sketch maps, of the Kerch Strait and the area between Sukhoy Liman and Odessa, and a sketch of a submarine sighted in the Kerch Strait.

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Subject: USSR--Port of Sukoy Liman and Kerch Canal

A) USSR--Port of Sukoy Liman

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absence of military installations at Sukoy

Liman (port zone).

Work on the port is proceeding rapidly because of good weather.

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the section of the pier towards the sea is about finished; it is within a hundred meters of the breakwater. At the present time four ships can moor and load and unload. The area opposite the pier is being paved with concrete. Work has been begun on the opposite shore where the oil pier is to be constructed.

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the work will still last approximately two years. The dredges observed continue dredging the bottom.

The port pier was encumbered with various material (barrels of soda and sugar, a type of sulphur, metal ingots, rolled metal and coal).

Sukoy Liman should become the most important coal port.

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the coastal section towards Cape Fontana, could be a truck depot used for various services.

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vehicle traverses the outer zone of the lake and requires about 90 minutes to complete a relatively short trip

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The northern part of the lake penetrates in the form of a river for several kilometers. Drainage operations are in progress in this area; this work is proceeding very slowly and swampy areas are observed in most places. Vineyards and grain are cultivated in the area.

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two large radio stations in the neighborhood of a street on the edge of Odessa. There is an extensive set of aerials, all in the form of a cone. 28 cones for each station.

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in the perimeter zone between Odessa-Cape Fontana and Sukoy Liman a total of three radio transmitting stations, one large vehicle depot and an air field. The air field extends between two roads. Five planes and one helicopter were visible. A large rotating radar installation was installed on a terrain elevation. (see attached sketch No 1).

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Coast guard boat has been observed.

B) USSR--Kerch Canal --

the escort vessel anchored at Cape Takil

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the guns were covered with tarpaulin. It seems there were torpedo tubes between the forecas~~t~~e and the stern. This unit is larger than the usual coast guard boat. It was accompanied by another smaller coast guard unit.

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a large submarine at the exit of the Kerch Canal

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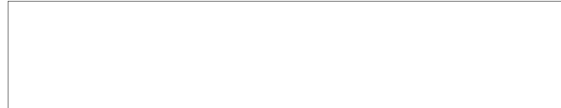
the coast guard vessel

at the exit of the Kerch

Canal

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Attachment No 1



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Key to Sketch No 1



1. Lake Sukoy-Lima
2. Northern part of lake which is not used
3. Illiciovka--village
4. 
5. Air field
6. Radio receiving station (28 cones counted)
7. Radio transmitting station
8. Area between Sukoy-Liman and Cape Fontana on the coast
9. Cape Fontana
10. 
11. Swamp section being drained
12. Rotating radar installation at air field
13. Planes

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Key to Sketch No 2

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Cape Takil--Kerch Canal.

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2. Route of the submarine when first sighted-

[redacted]

[redacted]

Description- length about 100 meters--color very dark grey--superstructure and conical shaped bow, indefinite ( in letter (a) of sketch No 3). It probably left from Kerch or Taman.

3. Probably a submarine base

4. Kerch Canal

5. [redacted] --escort vessel [redacted] with guns covered with oil-cloth.

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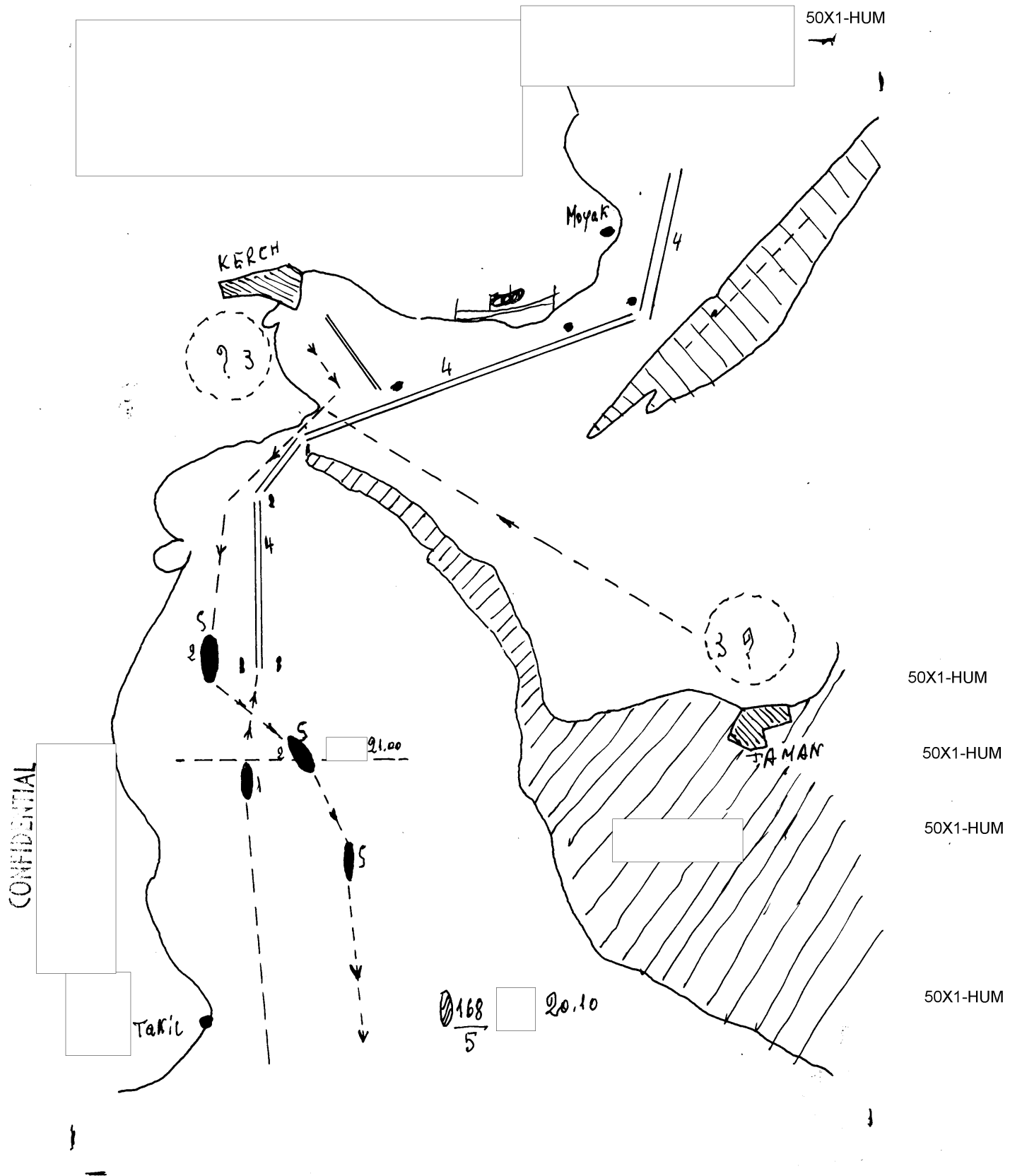
The silhouette of torpedo tubes seemed visible between the bridge and the stern.

[redacted] --coast guard boat [redacted]  
[redacted] anchored at Cape Takil

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